

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 14-15, 2007 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President  
Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President  
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN  
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH  
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM  
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN  
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS, COHN-S  
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director  
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager  
Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Ellen Morris, Board Secretary  
Renea Gray, Investigative Assistant  
Julie Fisher – Legal Services  
Jennifer Haskins – Legal Services  
Julia Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant - Education

**VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)**

Karen Waters                      GHA

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES PRESENT**

PF-RNI070076	Personal Appearance
KA-RNI070185	Personal Appearance
SL-RNI060550	Personal Appearance
CH-RNI040379	Personal Appearance
CA-RNI070230	Personal Appearance

Mrs. Herren called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Easterly, Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Keeton.

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**CRNA IN RURAL SETTINGS – DELYNN KEETON**

- A discussion took place with the entire Board present concerning the issues of CRNAs in Rural Settings.

Mrs. Keeton moved to send a letter to Harvey Spiegel at Henry, Spiegel, Fried & Milling, and LLP stating that the Board will address their concerns in the current Nurse Practice Act. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **SENATE BILL 222 – LINDA HERREN**

- Mrs. Herren provided an update regarding Senate Bill 222 revising the definition of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mrs. Easterly moved to send a letter to GHA (Georgia Hospital Association) to distribute to their hospitals reinforcing the Georgia Board of Nursing AANA/ASA Joint Statement Regarding Propofol Administration. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI050288** - Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060017** – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060379**– Dr. Barnett moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060382** – Mrs. Easterly moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060411** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to send the nurse a letter requesting her to appear for an investigative interview with the Cognizant board member or designated board member at the May 2007 Board meeting. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060414** – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060424** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include taking a course in Documentation and Ethics. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060427** – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, restrictions- no home health or long term care facilities and courses in Ethics and Boundary Issues each year while on Consent order with a minimum of six (6) months between courses. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060474** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or an Indefinite Suspension to include having MPE with results to be reviewed by the full Board before reinstatement of licensure. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060478** – Mrs. Ayers moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060480** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case and flag the system with a note to refer to the March 2007 Board Meeting minutes. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060487** – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060493** – Dr. Barnett moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060496** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer the case to the Attorney General's Office to combine with case previously forwarded from the May 2006 Board Meeting. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060510** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for (4) four years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060518** – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060524** – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060614** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for Revocation based on a felony conviction. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060627** – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060638** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060640** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070086** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Investigations to obtain the patient's medical record. After records are obtained, they are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and brought before the full Board for review. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070099** – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Padilla, Joan** – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept a Voluntary Surrender and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070135** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include a course in Ethics and Documentation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070139** – Mrs. Keeton moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060527** – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case in Investigations. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060494** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for Revocation based on the Investigative case evidence. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## CONSENT ORDER-LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following Private Consent Agreements prepared by Legal Services. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070204	RNI070283	RNI070266	RNI070179	RNI060373
RNI070284	RNI070279	RNI070265	RNI070268	RNI070217
RNI070275	RNI070281	RNI070185	RNI060446	RNI070285
RNI070273	RNI070282			

## NOTICE OF BORROWER DEFAULT ON REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

Mrs. Easterly moved to suspend the following license(s) to practice as a registered professional nurse for defaulting on Licensee's student loan, and further moved that this suspension will cease upon the receipt of notice by the Division Director or a notice of release from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Karen E Cotto, RN147504	Sheila Y Pittman, RN159365	Debra B Wasson, RN164774
Toni G Corkin, RN079297	Hershel V Lanier, RN138429	Debora F Broadway, RN117969
Mia White, RN145876	Ester D Leverington, RN149192	Michelle J Newcomer, RN159332
Kimberly D Breedlove, RN154001	Lisa D Keith, RN147893	Helen R Fain, RN121091
Elizabeth V Brinson, RN130418	Jeanie M Kelley, RN112780	Lakeisha J Spivey, RN162017
Angie T Aikens, RN182790	Sandra R Kennedy, RN107252	Lenice A Folse, RN131815
Jeremy M McNelley, RN176562	Hamdat A Kotun, RN133241	April A Wood, RN170103
Rena J Blevins, RN151057	Roslynn L DeLoney, RN075045	Elizabeth Pope, RN157775
Melissa Dramstad, RN155375	Latasha L Allen, RN155535	Vanessa L Davis, RN170689
Carole M Batson, RN170952	Karen B Altman, RN134953	Rhonda M Bramblett, RN146087
Jennifer L Hallmark, RN124096	Sheila G Coffee, RN095318	Joseph O Obebe, RN170170
Tina S Miller, RN160200	Carrie A Knowles, RN140166	Karen Beasley, RN083153

## MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Easterly moved to appoint an ad hoc committee regarding the registered nurse's role during emergencies, natural disasters and pandemics. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Keeton seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Barnett, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Ayers and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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**RNI070076** – Mrs. Keeton moved to request the applicant to provide additional information to include her actual responsibilities and interactions during the time spent working in Georgia. Once the information is received, the Cognizant may review. Mr. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070185** – Mr. Thigpen moved to uphold the previous Board decision. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kellie Lockwood, Board member arrived at 2:41 p.m.

**RNI040379** – Mr. Thigpen moved to obtain the investigative file regarding a prior investigation of the licensee. In addition, the RN must submit a satisfactory MPE to the Georgia Board of Nursing. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070230** – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Mrs. Herren was excused at this time, and exited the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Thigpen moved to approve the January 17-19, 2007 Board Meeting minutes as amended. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Herren returned to the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Thigpen moved to approve the November 15-17, 2006 Board Meeting minutes as amended. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Thigpen moved to rescind a previous Board motion made at the January 17-18, 2007 Board meeting to send a letter to the university regarding unlicensed faculty. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Herren adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President  
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS, COHN-S  
Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President  
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C  
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM  
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN  
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH  
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN

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Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director  
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Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education  
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Renea Gray, Investigative Assistant  
Ellen Morris, Board Secretary  
Julie Fisher – Staff Attorney-Legal Services  
Jennifer Haskins – Staff Attorney-Legal Services  
Lynn Eason, Investigations Supervisor

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Karen Waters	Jan Andrews	Brenda Cherry	Annie McElroy	Rebecca Corvey
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Cynthia Mundy  
Faith Garrett  
Linda Brown

Gayle Bentz  
Christina Home  
Georgia Narsavage

Verna Rausebenberg  
Kim Cribbs  
Betty Husky

Cecilia Owens  
Ken Smith

Pat Hannon  
Glen Deibert

Mrs. Herren called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2007. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Keeton seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases.* The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Easterly, Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, March 15, 2007, Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

#### **CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Attorney General's Status and Activity Report and to accept the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050209**  
Cable, Donna

**RNI070108**  
**RNI060296**

**RNI070260**  
Lindsey, Sherry

**RNI070079**  
**RNI050262**

**380100082** – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include probation for two (2) years, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports and a fine of \$500 for violation of Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040382** – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030027/RNI060004** – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040014/RNI060430** – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060409** – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050045** – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060522** – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070225** – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050147** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to rescind the previous motion made at the November 2006 Board Meeting. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050147** - Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (We needed to rescind the previous motion and then make new one.)

**RNI040107** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030231** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for Legal advice regarding 16-13-2. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **MEMORANDUM FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE – JANET JACKSON**

**Changes in Consent Order Language** – Mrs. Easterly moved to include the following language in Consent Orders prepared by the Attorney General's Office as it relates to participation in treatment and aftercare:

**“The respondent shall not change aftercare providers without submitting to the Board a letter of permission from the current aftercare counselor, and receiving from the Board a letter approving a change of aftercare provider.”**

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion it carried unanimously.

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI060311/RNI060466** – Mrs. Keeton moved to uphold the previous Board decision for a Private Consent Agreement to include a fine of \$8500 for unauthorized practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI060311/RNI060466** – Dr. Barnett moved to accept the Private Consent Agreement for Authorization. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070078** – Mrs. Keeton moved to reopen the application for licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070274** – Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Private Consent Order for Reinstatement. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE**

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Easterly seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of January 2007 through February 2007 that were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bond reported on the following:

- ***FYI-Handout:*** Memo Statewide Travel Regulations - Travel Reimbursement Forms
- ***FYI-Handout:***
  - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners Nurse Protocol Agreements 360-32
- ***FYI:*** – News Article from Kathy Apple of NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing): “Better Late Than Never: Workforce Supply Implications of Later Entry into Nursing”
- ***FYI-Handout:*** Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses Rule Qualified Medication Aides Chapter 400-4
- ***News Release from CGFNS*** “*CGFNS Denies Visa screen certificates for Philippine Nurses who passed the compromised June 2006 Philippine Licensure Examination*”
- Pulse Newspaper Article: Heart Attack Grill – Lard Laden Grill hears flak over its 'nurses'
- GHA Workforce Council – Discussion held with Karen Waters
- ***FYI:*** Dialysis Tech Bill 157

## ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING COMMITTEE – DR. BARNETT

- Dr. Barnett updated the Board regarding the Nurse Practitioners Program for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. A discussion followed.
- ▶ **Handout:** Vision Paper: "The Future Regulation of Advanced Practice Nursing"

Mrs. Lockwood moved, Mrs. Wessinger seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mr. Thigpen, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Easterly, Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Ayers.

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### APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Cognizant Report regarding unlicensed/unauthorized practice and refer identified cases to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Agreement. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See attached reports.

**J.B. (Applicant #1053490)** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$4450 for unlicensed practice. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**E.W. (Applicant #1056061)** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1900 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**J.S. (Applicant #1054213)** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1900 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**D.H. (Applicant #1063713)** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1900 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**T.K. (Applicant #1065493)** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$800 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**L.H. (Applicant #1053687)** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Endorsement to include a fine of \$2800 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**S.K. (Applicant #1036113)** – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting official documentation of the applicant's work history on each employer's letterhead. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**R.H. (Applicant #1036818)** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1600 for unlicensed/unauthorized practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**M.M. (Applicant #1065481)** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$900 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**B.G. (Applicant #1063733)** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$800 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



## SITE VISIT REPORTS

### Medical College of Georgia

The Board reviewed the Medical College of Georgia's November 28-29, 2006 & January 10, 2007 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the following commendations:

1. A comprehensive written plan for total program evaluation has been implemented consistently with documentation of relevant actions and decisions. [410-3-.03 (7);410-3-.05-(12)]
2. The Outcomes Assessment Committee clearly annotates decisions and actions related to the School's goals, implementation plan, and evaluation of outcomes. [410-3-.03 (7);410-3-.05 (12)]
3. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (2)]
4. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice. [410-3-.04 (3)]
5. Various strategies are used in the critique/evaluation of student learning and progress. [410-3-.04 (4)]
6. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development necessary to enable the outcomes of the program. [410-3-.05 (9)]
7. The Faculty Advisement Handbook, the Course Coordinator Handbook, and the Guidelines for Clinical Faculty are excellent. [410-3-.05 (13), (14), (15)]
8. A comprehensive Preceptor Information Packet has been developed. [410-3-.06]
9. Opportunities are available for students which provide for flexible schedules, learning activities, and diverse practice settings. [410-3-.04 (1)(a), (1)(f); 410-3-.09 (1)(c)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Submit the philosophy, outcomes, organizing framework, syllabi, transition plans and timeline for the revised curriculum no later than April 4, 2007 for review at the Board's May 16-18, 2007 meeting. Information must include consequences for current junior students who fail an existing course which will not be offered again. [410-3-.04 (1)(b)' 410-3-.10 (2)(d); 410-3-.07 (2)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

### Georgia Perimeter College

The Board reviewed Georgia Perimeter College's January 23-25 and 30, 2007 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Provide a written plan for the development, implementation, and evaluation of consistency, communication, collaboration, and accountability amongst all faculty members. [410-3-.05 (12)]
2. Provide a written plan for the coordination of courses, participation of faculty members, and responsibilities of each person. [410-3-.05 (12); 410-3-.03 (2)]
3. Provide a written plan for the development of test items and examinations and the conduct of test review. [410-3-.04 (4)]

Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **SITE VISIT RESPONSES**

### **Southwest Georgia Technical College**

At its March 14-16, 2007 meeting, the Board of Nursing reviewed the responses to its August 9-10, 2006 Site Visit Report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following responses: Accept responses submitted by Southwest Georgia Technical College to recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), and (8) in the August 9-10, 2006 site visit report. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)]

1. Due to continuous noncompliance with rule 410-3-.05 (6) related to the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty members in any given academic term, Conditional Approval is imposed on the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Southwest Georgia Technical College. [410-3-.02 (4)] A written plan for compliance with this rule must be submitted to the board office no later than April 11, 2007 for review at the Board's May 16-18, 2007 meeting. [410-3-.05 (6) The approval status of the program will be reviewed to determine compliance with and implementation of the rule at the May meeting. [410-3-.02 (3)(c) and (4)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **West Central Technical College**

At its November 15-17, 2006 meeting, the Board reviewed the August 14-15, 2006 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to the most recent site visit report and responses to it, the most recent annual report, and the passing percentage of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers of at least eighty (80) percent (31/32, 96.8%), Full Approval is granted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at West Central Technical College through December 31, 2011. [410-3-.02 (30(d)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2010-2011 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)]
2. With the Annual Report, due July 1, 2007, a revised organizational chart which clearly delineates the nursing unit and its lines of responsibility and a revised Nursing Student Handbook must be included with other required information. [410-3-.10 (1); 410-3-.03 (2); 410-3-.07 (2)]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Bainbridge College**

At its November 15-17, 2006 meeting, the Board reviewed the September 12-13, 2006 Bainbridge College's Site Visit Report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Accept responses to recommendations (2) and (3) in the September 12-13, 2006 Bainbridge College's site visit report. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)]
2. Submit the response to recommendation (1) in the September 12-13, 2006 Bainbridge College site visit report so that it is received in the board office no later than April 11, 2007 for review at the Board's May 16-18, 2007 meeting. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)]

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Macon State College**

Mrs. Ayers moved that based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (240/268, 89.5%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four (4) years (2003-2006), Full Approval be continued through December 31, 2011. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2010-2011 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)] Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried the unanimously.

## Kennesaw State University

Dr. Barnett moved that based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (453/504, 89.8%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four (4) years (2003-2006), Full Approval be continued through December 31, 2011. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2010-2011 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)] Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## NEW INITIATIVE

### Darton College

Mrs. Lockwood moved to approve Darton College's request to admit qualified licensed practical nurses to its Accelerated Bridge for Healthcare Professionals beginning in fall 2007. [410-3-.10 (2)(d)] Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE-JULIA GOULD

- Julia Gould updated the Board on the Education Committee's progress on revision of rules 410-3 and 410-4. A copy of the rules was presented to the Board.
- A copy of the Education Committee Meeting minutes from the February 23, 2007 Meeting was presented to the Board.

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the report provided by the Education Committee regarding rule 410-3. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the report provided by the Education Committee regarding rule 410-4. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept the criteria for a feasibility study for the development of new nursing education programs as listed below:

*A feasibility study is designed to provide an overview of the primary issues related to the initiation of a new nursing education program. The purpose is to identify any "make or break" issues that would prevent the program from being successful in the marketplace. In other words, a feasibility study determines whether the proposed program makes sense considering the rationale(s) for its development and implementation, financial resources, educational facilities and resources, faculty members, and practice settings.*

*A thorough feasibility analysis provides a lot of information necessary for the program implementation plan. For example, a good market analysis is necessary in order to determine the program's feasibility.*

*Because the development and implementation of a new program is a significant investment of time and resources, major roadblocks facing the program need to be identified before an investment is made. Identifying such roadblocks is the purpose of a feasibility study. A feasibility study looks at three major issues: market issues, organizational/technical issues, and financial issues. [Adapted from the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives]*

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

### Medical College of Georgia (Report III-CNL)

Mrs. Easterly moved to accept Report III submitted by the Medical College of Georgia for its generic master's program. [410-4-.01 (3)(c)] Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases.* The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Wessinger, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Lockwood and Dr. Barnett

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, March 15, 2007 Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

### **NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**Applicant #1053472/RNI070314** – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Examination (NCLEX) with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1052048/RNI070313** – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Examination (NCLEX) with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1049718** – Mrs. Easterly moved to proceed with licensure by Examination (NCLEX). Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1052116** – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Examination (NCLEX) with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1053108** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by Examination (NCLEX) with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1039545** – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #998799** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by Examination (NCLEX). Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1053418** – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol and proceed with licensure by Examination (NCLEX) after successful completion of legal probation. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**Applicant #991880** – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern re: Action in Another Jurisdiction. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1060895** – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1020226** – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement after receipt of documented compliance with the Louisiana Board of Nursing consent order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI070320** – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order for Reinstatement to include requiring the applicant to report the final disposition of the legal case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI060150** – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070159** – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include probation for (2) two years, random drug screens, quarterly reports and follow the MPE recommendations. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030196** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for six (6) years, quarterly reports, a nursing course in boundary issues, employment in geriatrics only and follow the MPE recommendations. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050431** – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include a course in Boundary Issues & Ethics and submit psychotherapy quarterly reports. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

<b>CASE NO#.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b>
<b>Tolbert, Dorothy</b>	Lift narcotic restrictions.
<b>Huddleston, Carole</b>	Deny request to lift narcotic restrictions.
<b>RNI050191</b>	Lift narcotic restrictions.
<b>RNI050005</b>	Lift narcotic restrictions.
<b>RNI050221</b>	Deny request to lift narcotic restrictions.

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Barnett abstaining.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mrs. Easterly moved to approve changing the July 18-20, 2007 Board meeting date to July 11-13, 2007. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the following appointed committee members for the ad hoc committee regarding the registered nurse's role during emergencies, natural disasters and pandemics: Susan Ayers, Carole Jakeway, Brenda Greene, Sandy Bond and Kelly Lockwood with more members to be appointed as needed. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ayers moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases.* The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Easterly, Dr. Barnett, Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday March 15, 2007, Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

## **VIOLATION OF MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION ORDER**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**380102172** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for Revocation based on violation of MPE order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **OPEN RECORDS REQUEST**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**Tucker, Paula** – Mrs. Lockwood moved to release the application file only. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Hadaway, Lynn** – Dr. Barnett moved to release the application file only. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Noehren, Alice** – Mr. Thigpen moved to release the application file, disciplinary file, Investigations file and the MPE order to the State of California Department of Justice. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI020310** – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports and abstention from alcohol. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070341** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for falsification of application and a fine of \$550 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070254** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070291** – Mr. Thigpen moved to send applicant a letter requesting documentation of successful completion of criminal probation and proceed with Authorization after Cognizant review. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070312** – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070310** – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Substandard Care. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070311** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI070316** – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Patient's Rights. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**3801000048** – Mrs. Keeton moved to deny licensure by Reinstatement based on disciplinary history with the Georgia Board of Nursing and grant the applicant the next available personal appearance. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Sveum, Jonne** - Mrs. Lockwood moved to approve Jonne Sveum as a Peer Reviewer. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI070135** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for violation of previous consent order and a course in Documentation to be completed within 90 days. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI070185** – Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Private Consent Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**RNI060550** – Mrs. Easterly moved to request the RN to submit documentation of work history from Medical Staffing Network and to have the Cognizant review application for licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI020243** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$1000 for the third amended Consent Order. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer the correspondence received from Sommers, Scrudder & Bass LLP to the Attorney General's Office for legal advice. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer the complaint from the Georgia Board of Pharmacy to the Attorney General's Office for legal advice. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

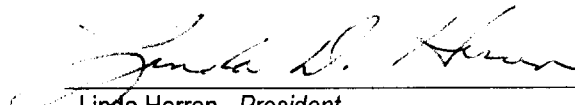
## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Thigpen moved to appoint Dr. Barnett to represent the Georgia Board of Nursing at NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing) Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Committee meetings. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Barnett moved that Sandy Bond, the Executive Director of the Georgia Board of Nursing, be funded to actively participate in NCSBN activities. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**FYI-** The Georgia Board of Nursing selected Dr. Barnett to be a liaison between the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and the Georgia Board of Nursing and Mrs. Keeton to be a liaison between the GHA (Georgia Hospital Association) and the Georgia Board of Nursing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 4:46 p.m.

  
Linda Herren, President

  
Sylvia Bond, Executive Director

The minutes were recorded by Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant, and approved May 16, 2007.